(d) the action taken by Government against each of the guilty official separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIANANDRAO VITHOBAADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Inflation Rate

†2198.SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that in the week ending 4th October, 2003 the inflation rate had reached upto 5.08 per cent;

(b) if not, the fact in this regard;

(c) whether it is also fact that the said rise in inflation rate was the outcome of the price rise of foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the names of the foodgrains alongwith the rise in the price thereof separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIANANDRAO VITHOBAADSUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The WPI based provisional inflation rate for the week ending 4th October, 2003 was 5.08 per cent. However, the final inflation rate for the same week was revised upward to 5.32 per cent.

(c) and (d) As per the final WPI based inflation rate for the week ending 4th October, 2003, there was no increase in the prices of foodgrains group. However, the inflation rate for rice, wheat and gram for the same week were 3.1 per cent, 0.34 per cent and (-) 8.05 per cent respectively.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.